

### Subpart D—Family Investment Centers (FIC) Program

#### § 964.300 General.

The Family Investment Centers Program provides families living in public housing with better access to educational and employment opportunities by:

- (a) Developing facilities in or near public housing for training and support services;
- (b) Mobilizing public and private resources to expand and improve the delivery of such services;
- (c) Providing funding for such essential training and support services that cannot otherwise be funded; and
- (d) Improving the capacity of management to assess the training and service needs of families, coordinate the provision of training and services that meet such needs, and ensure the long-term provision of such training and services. FIC provides funding to HAs to access educational, housing, or other social service programs to assist public housing residents toward self-sufficiency.

#### § 964.305 Eligibility.

- (a) *Public Housing Authorities.* HAs may apply to establish one or more FICs for more than one public housing development.
- (b) *FIC Activities.* Activities that may be funded and carried out by eligible HAs, as defined in § 964.305(a) and § 964.310(a) may include:
  - (1) The renovation, conversion, or combination of vacant dwelling units in a HA development to create common areas to accommodate the provision of supportive services;
  - (2) The renovation of existing common areas in a HA development to accommodate the provision of supportive services;
  - (3) The acquisition, construction or renovation of facilities located near the premises of one or more HA developments to accommodate the provision of supportive services;
  - (4) The provision of not more than 15 percent of the total cost of supportive services (which may be provided directly to eligible residents by the HA or by contract or lease through other

appropriate agencies or providers), but only if the HA demonstrates that:

- (i) The supportive services are appropriate to improve the access of eligible residents to employment and educational opportunities; and
- (ii) The HA has made diligent efforts to use or obtain other available resources to fund or provide such services; and
- (5) The employment of service coordinators.
- (c) *Follow up.* A HA must demonstrate a firm commitment of assistance from one or more sources ensuring that supportive services will be provided for not less than one year following the completion of activities.
- (d) *Environmental Review.* Any environmental impact regarding eligible activities will be addressed through an environmental review of that activity as required by 24 CFR part 50, including the applicable related laws and authorities under § 50.4, to be completed by HUD, to ensure that any environmental impact will be addressed before assistance is provided to the HA. Grantees will be expected to adhere to all assurances applicable to environmental concerns.

#### § 964.308 Supportive services requirements.

HAs shall provide new or significantly expanded services essential to providing families in public housing with better access to educational and employment opportunities to achieve self-sufficiency and independence. HAs applying for funds to provide supportive services must demonstrate that the services will be provided at a higher level than currently provided. Supportive services may include:

- (a) Child care, of a type that provides sufficient hours of operation and serves appropriate ages as needed to facilitate parental access to education and job opportunities;
- (b) Employment training and counseling (e.g., job training, preparation and counseling, job development and placement, and follow-up assistance after job placement);
- (c) Computer skills training;
- (d) Education (e.g., remedial education, literacy training, completion of secondary or post-secondary education,